THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) To the extent information is available, no company has submitted the details required to be submitted under paragraph 11 of the DPCO, 1987 for revision of price of any iron preparation in combination with non-scheduled bulk drugs since the announcement of DPCO, 1987 except M/s. Glindia who have revised to price of Fersolate tablets (500's pack) from Rs. 12.56 to Rs. 25.37.

Steps to decrease the Prices of Honvan Injection

1998. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government received the required information as per Provision 11 of DPCO, 1987 from the manufacturer of Honvan Injection, Holixine Injection and Honvan tablets before increasing the price by more than 100 per cent in each case;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have the right to bring the price decontrolled medicines under control in case of a steep price increase; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the Government is empowered to include any drug including price decontrolled drugs in Schedules I or II of the DPCO, and to fix or to revise the price for such drug.

(c) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of non-scheduled drugs are free to revise the prices of their products. In consumers' interest, the Government has intervened wherever price rise has been very high and secured reduction in the prices of the concerned formulations.

Information about Sales Turn-over of Celin Tablets

1999. DR. RATNAKAR PENDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 572 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of Celin tablets, Redoxin Chewable tablets and Arovit formulations submitted the information as required under DPCO, 1987 before increasing the prices of these medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the information of each; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information supplied are as per the requirements of the various provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Prices of Pseudoefedrine Hcl

2000. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 641 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pseudoedrine Hcl., Pseudoefedrine Sulphate, Sulphadimidine, Theophylline, Prednisolone, Ephedrine Hcl., Vitamin A, Hydrocortisone, Quinidine Sulphate and Sulphadiazine are covered under Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) what was the price of each drug recommended by BICP;

(c) when was the recommendation sent by BICP; and